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Commissioner of Education

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Mr. Raymond Simon, Deputy Secretary  
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Deputy Secretary Simon:

Kentucky is not planning to change the assessment system in 2008-09 and will continue the NCLB AYP calculations utilized with the 2007-08 system. Kentucky has achieved approval in the peer review process and will continue the policies and procedures defined in the U.S. Department of Education's approved 2007-08 Kentucky State Application Accountability Workbook.

If you have questions, please contact Ken Draut at 502-564-2256 or via email at [Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov](mailto:Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov). Thank you for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon E. Draud".

Jon E. Draud

cc: Kentucky Board of Education members      Mary Ann Miller  
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